

Ticouapé Farm



About the operation

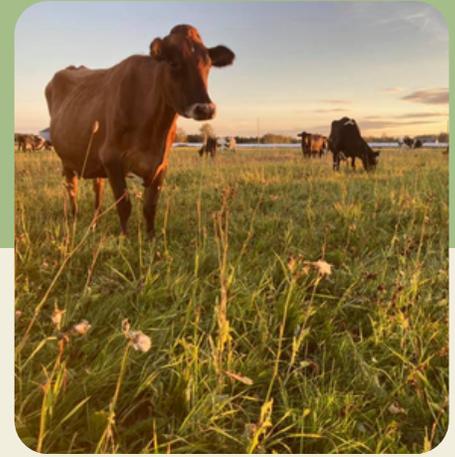
- Ticouapé Farm is located in Saint-Félicien, northwest of Lac-Saint-Jean. This region is known for its cold and dry winters, as well as its strong winds.
- At the head of the company since 1998, Jean-Marie Baril manages and raises 100 lactating cows, including 15 Jersey, Ayrshire and Brown Swiss nursing cows since 2015, and a herd of about fifty Angus cows since 2025.
- All animals calve in the spring, and are then separated into the following groups according to the time of year: lactating cows (milked once a day), heifers, nursing cows, pre-calving preparation, bull, and beef.
- Since 2013, the herd has been raised on 400 acres of pasture, while an additional 1,100 acres is dedicated to the production of organic forage and grains.
- Large-scale crops are intended for the market, while 60 kilos per day of milk are sold through Nutrinor Cooperative's Organic Northern Milk.

Rotational Grazing Management

Forages from the pastures are generally sufficient for the animals for more than 150 days per year. The producer relies on trampling, as well as a 42-day resting period, to avoid overexploiting his pastures, which are mostly composed of clover, grasses, smooth meadow-grass, and timothy—the plants most favored by his cattle.

Ticouapé Farm is the only demonstration site for dairy production implementing regenerative pasture principles in Quebec. It is an operation recognized for promoting and sharing its production techniques.





Ticouapé Farm hosts numerous projects and events, including:

2023: Journée laitière au pâturage du CFGA

2023: Mise en place d'une bleuetière

2019 - 2025 : Achat de plus de 1000 acres en culture

2015: Aménagements de haies brise-vent sur plus de 35 km

What is an advanced grazing system?

An advanced grazing system uses rotational grazing practices adapted to the context of the farms and their environment.

This system helps farmers by:

- Extending their grazing period
- Increasing field productivity
- Improving forage quality
- Reducing weed pressure
- Enhancing nutrient cycling
- Helping build soil resilience

Why a Grazing Plan?

A grazing plan is an important part of your business, tailored to your farm. A well-designed plan removes guesswork in managing resources and livestock.

Develop a Grazing Plan

There are mentors all across the province and funding to help you!

Scan the QR code or visit canadianfga.ca for more details.

